

POOR MAN ALSO TO BEAR SHARE IN WAR

House Committee Considers
Levying Consumption Tax
on Sugar and Coffee.

LESS FOR SMALLER PAID

Graduated Abatement of 10
Per Cent. Assessment Up to
\$15,000 Proposed.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, July 20.—The proposed normal tax of at least 10 per cent. on all personal incomes probably will not be levied in full against the smaller incomes. This developed today, following another session of the House Ways and Means committee. The present rough plan is to write into the new law such abatements from the normal tax that incomes would not be taxed the full proposed normal tax until they reached the neighborhood of \$15,000. From that point on it is practically assured now the full tax will be in effect. Despite sentiment against lowering the exemptions in the income tax provisions of the new law, most of the committee felt that every one should be called upon to some extent to contribute something, even if only a few dollars a year, to the support of the Government. As about 95 per cent. of the people of the country are not really affected by the income taxes they will be reached through consumption taxes. Coffee and sugar were most favored today as articles on which a consumption tax should be levied.

Tax on Sales Probable.

The committee, faced with the probability that it actually will be an impossibility to raise the desired \$6,000,000,000 from income and excess profits taxes, is almost certain to levy a percentage tax on gross sales or gross receipts. Levying a 1 per cent. or one-half of 1 per cent. tax on gross receipts, it is believed, would make up the deficiencies in the bill through the inability to collect the desired amount from taxes on incomes. The percentage will be fixed when some more accurate idea of what total receipts of all business in the United States would amount to has been received.

The committee was still unable to begin the actual drafting of the new law, as it is without the figures on the total taxable income for 1917 and the estimate of the taxable income for the calendar year 1918. The committee also is having prepared a table of comparisons designed to show how much money can be expected through a graduated increase in the rates in the various brackets of the existing surtaxes on income. These data are before the committee not a word of the bill actually can be written.

Senators Less Radical.

The Senate Committee on Finance views with some apprehension the reported tendency of the tax bill framers of the Ways and Means Committee and deprecates the tendency announced recently to boost rates on normal incomes to hitherto unimagined heights. Also the various reports of virtual consumption of the whole money earning power of the American people and of American industry and the building up of a tax bill mounting toward \$9,000,000,000, which have leaked out of executive sessions of the committee have set the Senators by the ears.

Senators Less Radical.

They say the House committee realizes that in the final analysis the Senate will draft the bill and there are not to be discovered in the Senate more than a few members who will follow the lead of the House in the campaign of radical advances in present schedules and in the incorporation of new schedules which the reports promise.

MAYFAIR ASKS FOR CLOTHES.

Garments for Invalids Coming Out of French Hospitals.

Mrs. John H. Holden, president of the Mayfair War Relief, says that the French Government has made a request of the association, through its bureau of distribution at 77 Rue de la Boetie, Paris, for civilian garments for soldiers coming out of hospitals. The request is coupled with the condition that said garments shall be in good condition.

W. C. Fitts Resigns Law Post.

William C. Fitts, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States and formerly Attorney-General of the State of Alabama, has resigned his office and will become a member of the firm of Blandy, Mooney & Shipman, 37 Wall street. The other members of the firm are Edmund L. Mooney and Charles T. B. Rowe. Mr. Fitts's resignation becomes effective August 1.

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO Bloomingdales

80th to 90th St., Lexington to 3d Ave.

An Invitation



Our Annual Sale of Furniture

Affords you an opportunity
to buy dependable Furni-
ture at substantial savings.
Sale begins Monday morn-
ing Third and Fourth floors.

Lexington Ave. Subway
Now in Operation.
BLOOMINGDALES, 39th St.

SHELLS KILL Y. M. C. A. PASTOR.

The Rev. Walter Murray of East Orange Was Serving in Canteen.

PARIS, July 20.—The Rev. Walter Murray of East Orange, N. J., attached to the Young Men's Christian Association, was killed in the Chateau Thierry sector while serving soldiers from a canteen near the front line. Two shells falling on either side of him killed him by concussion. He was buried with full military honors.

Ben Hilbert of 237 West Forty-third street, New York city, another Y. M. C. A. worker, after constant exposure to shell fire and gas has been ordered to the rear exhausted.

TRUCK MAKERS TO GET STEEL.

But Permission Rests on Conser-

vation of Material.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, July 20.—Manufacturers of automobile trucks obtained a preference to-day from the War Industries Board in the distribution of steel and fuel when intended for use in making trucks for direct and indirect war purposes. The board announced, however, that it will not undertake to guarantee any proportion of steel requirements, and suggested that all materials be conserved by strict supervision.

ARGENTINE BATTLESHIP HERE.

Rivadavia Arrives in North River

From Buenos Ayres.

With pennants, signal flags and other hunting flying and her band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," the Argentine battleship Rivadavia steamed up through the Narrows yesterday and made her way to an anchorage in the Hudson River.

The big Argentine man of war brought Dr. Romulo Nao, the Argentine Ambassador to Annopolis from Buenos Ayres, and then steamed on up the coast to this port. Consul-General Ernesto Perez left the battery in a launch flying the Argentine flag to pay his respects to the commander of the ship.

MAY RETREAT TO THE AISNE.

German Army Clearly in a Critical

Situation.

LONDON, July 20.—There is deep and solid satisfaction expressed everywhere in London over the second victory of the Marne. The German retreat across the river is regarded as the turning point of the Central Powers' defeat, equalled only by the Austrian disaster at the Plate River.

The Germans are in an embarrassing position north of the Marne, and if the French and Americans are able to keep up their pressure or even to hold their present positions and make the most of their artillery, the German army may find it necessary to fall back to the line between Rheims and Soissons, or even further.

JUDGE KEOGH'S SON WOUNDED.

Youth's Brother in Air Service

Has Returned to France.

Jack Keogh, 22 years old, son of Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Mary J. Keogh of New Rochelle and who is an ambulance driver with the American Expeditionary Force in France, has written home that he was wounded by shrapnel in the fighting about three weeks ago.

Young Keogh has been driving an ambulance for fourteen months. His brother, Lieut. Grenville Keogh of the French Aviation Corps, who had been home on furlough, returned to France this week.

Accused Salesmen Held.

William Strauss, 30, of 1110 Simpson street, and George Rosenthal, 48, of 514 West 176th street, cigar store salesmen, were held in \$3,000 bail each on arraignment in the Tombs Court yesterday, charged with receiving stolen Liberty bonds valued at \$10,000. The bonds are said to be part of a lot of \$52,000 in bonds which were stolen by a messenger boy employed by Strong, Sturgis & Co., 30 Broad street.

Cuba Detains Rum Laden Vessel.

HAVANA, July 20.—The schooner Georgina, from which has on board 120,000 gallons of Cuban rum, destined apparently for Uruguay, is under detention here by Cuban treasury officials. The schooner was seized late yesterday after it was learned that when about to sail she had suddenly changed her name.

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

OPEN EVENINGS

PIANOS

NEW
PLAYER
PIANOS

\$10 Monthly Until Paid

INCLUDING Bench, Cover and 12 Rolls with each Player Piano.

265 Schuman & Son \$8 Monthly
275 Pradford & Co. 10 Monthly



USED UPRIGHT \$125

44 Monthly Until Paid.
INCLUDING Stool, Music, Cover,
with each Upright Piano.

Used Player Pianos
\$265 Schuman & Son \$8 Monthly
275 Pradford & Co. 10 Monthly

2,500 ROLLS
3 for 49c

GOETZ & CO.

51-57 Court St., Brooklyn
OPEN EVENINGS

BRISTOL WAR PLANE IS NOT SATISFACTORY

Curtiss Company Ordered to
Discontinue Manu-
facture.

BARNES ACTION DROPPED.

Settlement Made in the Famous

Roosevelt Libel Suit.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, July 20.—The appeal taken to the Appellate Court by William Barnes from the judgment returned by a Syracuse jury in May, 1915, against him and in favor of Theodore Roosevelt will not be argued. The case has not been dropped from the calendar, because it never was placed there, but the bill of costs has been settled, both parties paying their share.

Oliver D. Burden, who was one of the local counsel for Col. Roosevelt in the libel case, said today that the costs of the suit had been paid and that an arrangement in reference to them had been made by agreement between the lawyers, each side paying a part. The costs amounted to \$1,442, and the Colonel would have been entitled to \$2,000 more, as the law allows 5 per cent. of the original amount of damages claimed when the defendant is the victor in a prolonged legal action.

Bills of costs are never paid until after all appeals are decided by the higher courts.

When the libel case was tried one lone juror, John Burns, held up his fellow jurors for forty-eight hours by insisting on voting for the plaintiff because his colleagues would not recommend that the two parties should divide the costs. After more than three years Mr. Barnes's desire has come to pass.

POINCARÉ SEES VICTORY NEAR.

Tells King Albert Marine Successes

Are Omens of the Future.

PARIS, July 20.—Replying to a telegram of congratulation from King Albert of the Belgians on the success of the French army, President Poincaré wrote these successes were a favorable omen for the near future. He added:

"On the Marne, as well as on the Yser, the liberty of peoples ever will be defended by the allied armies."

The new machine is a triplane and a composite of the battle and scout type. When it took the air at Minola yesterday its speed was as great in comparison to the other American and foreign machines then in the air that it attracted the admiration of the army officers who witnessed the flight.

The tremendous speed and curious sound made by the new airplane tried out yesterday afternoon at the Minola field has caused it to be dubbed "Whistling Bill." As told in The Sun two weeks ago, the "Whistling Bill" was designed by Glenn Curtiss and C. B. Kirkham, an airplane engine expert. Its tests have shown that it possesses a climbing power exceeding 1,500 feet a minute and speed far in excess of any known type in the possession of the Germans.

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